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Welcome to the June issue of News & Connections!

We're back! We had a lot of positive response from the first newsletter that went out in May and we've decided to make this a monthly publication. Summer is here and we are excited to get our neighborhood activities started. This month we'll go into more detail about these activities and events. Enjoy!

Get the Word Out!

If you know any news in our community or have any information you would like to share, please contact Heidi at heidi_roberts@mgjc.com to make sure we get it in our next newsletter. Thanks for your input!

News & Connection

News & Connection is a monthly publication brought to you by the Social Committee of Mary Hill & Mary Hill Park Subdivisions. This newsletter is designed to keep you informed of news, events, contacts, neighborhood accomplishments, and whatever fun things we want to add!

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A Quick Look...

Here's a preview of what's going on in June and July. Hope to see you at one of the activities!

June

- **Bunco game - Thursday, June 22nd at 7 p.m.**

July

- **4th of July Parade and Picnic- Tuesday, July 4th at 4 p.m.**
- **Couple Cards - Friday, July 14th at 7 p.m.**

What are the Details?

We are very excited about the response that was received of how many neighbors want to get involved with the neighborhood activities and events! At our last social committee meeting, we gathered all the responses and ideas and wanted to give you more details.

Couples Cards



Euchre is a fun card game for adult couples. It's not only easy, but it's a good way to get to know your neighbors! The first game will be at the Harrington's house on **Friday, July 14th at 7 p.m.** You have over a month to get a sitter, think of a yummy appetizer to share and talk your spouse into going! Please RSVP by July 7th with Ann Harrington at pharrington3@wi.rr.com. Also, the Harrington's will be providing beverages, but if you care to bring an appetizer, please let Ann know. We need about 5 couples to volunteer.

This game is for beginners on up! You don't have to know how to play before you come to the first game, but if you would like the game rules contact Ann Harrington, pharrington3@wi.rr.com. Join us! Don't be left out of a fun way to get to know your neighbors!

Adult Progressive Dinner



There was an over-whelming response for this event! Since the summer is jammed-packed with family outings, vacation, and events, we decided to start this in September. This is a casual 'round-robin' event. Basically, we need four houses to volunteer their house, but the guests bring the food. We'll start out with cocktails and appetizers, jump to the next house for a salad-type entree, then off to the next house for the main entree and finish the night with the dessert. Each house only volunteers their home (inside or outside) and the guests bring the dish. The majority of the responses were for September 16th. If you have any questions or would like to volunteer your home or an entree, please email Wendy Ackley at detajllc@msn.com.

4th of July!!



4th of July is right around the corner and we are getting ready for our Parade and Picnic. Many of you were interested in this event because it gets the whole family involved. We'll start the fun with the Parade at **4 p.m. on July 4th**. Kids will decorate their bikes, wagons, etc. and start at the Northeast corner of Mary Hill Circle going all the way around. Immediately following the parade, we'll get together for our Picnic in Mary Hill Park (details of exact location will follow very soon). Finishing the night with games for the kids (and adults) and fireworks at dusk. If you have not already responded, please let Wendy Ackley (detajllc@msn.com) know asap if you can make it and how many are in your family.

Future Events...

Some future events and activities that we are thinking about doing are:

- Trick or Treat Night
- Cookie Exchange
- Book Club

Other Things...

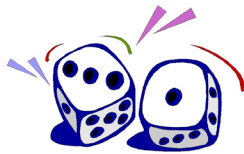
Some things that we are working on are:

- Website
- Welcome baskets for new neighbors
- Holiday Food Drive
- Sledding Hill

If you have any ideas, comments, suggestions, please let us know!

Also, if you are not listed on the homeowners roster, please email Cathy Jacobson at cathyjacobson@earthlink.com.

Bunco: What is Bunco?



Bunco is a dice game. We're not going to bore you with the rules of the game, just know that it's so easy and fun! SO, now the truth... Bunco is a social event. It's a party. It's a blast!

We'll get together once a month, leaving the cares and worries behind, and leaving the kids with their fathers or baby-sitters.

We fall off our diets, snacking on M&Ms, chips, or anything else we can get our hands on. We have appetizers, maybe a dinner, and seconds on dessert. We drink our favorite spritzer, wine or Drink-of-the-night, and we talk.

We talk about our kids. About the neighbors. About anyone who didn't show up. About our husbands, our jobs, their jobs, the builder in our community, TV shows, current events, and anything else that might tickle our fancy.

For any women that are interested, Tracy Ferrito (1236 Mary Hill Circle) will be hosting and providing beverages for the first game. The games will be held on the third Thursday of each month, however, for the first one we will meet on **Thursday, June 22nd at 7 p.m.** We are also looking for a few people to bring an appetizer or dessert. Please RSVP with Tracy via email mamaferrito@yahoo.com or call @ 367-6736. Anyone who wants to play should bring \$3. This will be divided up at the end of the evening as prizes - most wins, most Buncos, and a dollar for the most losses. Even if you do not RSVP you may still join us. If you don't want to play Bunco just come to visit with your neighbors!

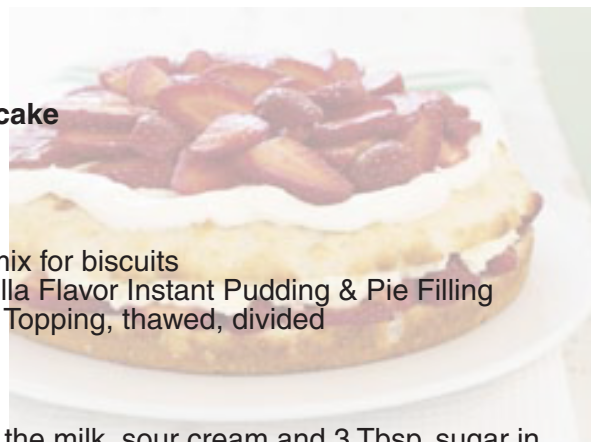
We are also looking for someone to host in July. Tracy has all of the Bunco supplies so all the hostess needs to do is provide her home and some beverages. The "Bunco box" will travel from home to home within our group. Let Tracy know if you are interested in hosting a game!

Recipe of the Month

Enjoy a classic summer recipe -

Simply Sensational Strawberry Shortcake

- 1 cup milk, divided
- 1/4 cup sour cream
- 3 Tbsp. sugar
- 2-1/4 cups dry all-purpose baking mix for biscuits
- 1 pkg. (4-serving size) JELL-O Vanilla Flavor Instant Pudding & Pie Filling
- 1 tub (8 oz.) COOL WHIP Whipped Topping, thawed, divided
- 4 cups sliced strawberries
- 1/3 cup sugar



PREHEAT oven to 425°F. Mix 1/2 cup of the milk, sour cream and 3 Tbsp. sugar in large bowl with wire whisk. Stir in baking mix until just blended. Spread evenly into greased 9-inch round cake pan. Bake 12 to 15 min. or until top is golden brown. Remove from pan; cool completely on wire rack.

MEANWHILE, combine dry pudding mix and remaining 1/2 cup milk; blend well. Gently stir in half of the whipped topping until well blended. Mix strawberries and 1/3 cup sugar in large bowl; set aside. Slice cake in half horizontally to make 2 layers.

PLACE bottom cake layer on serving plate; top evenly with half of the strawberry mixture. Spread with pudding mixture; top with top cake layer. Spread with remaining whipped topping; top with remaining strawberry mixture. Serve immediately. Store leftover shortcake in refrigerator.